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Anthony *et al*.

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Ass't Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Examiner:

MAILING CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on August 15, 2002.

David Denker Reg. No. 40,987

On April 15, 2002, Applicants faxed a PETITION FROM REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION to USPTO Technology Center 2800 at 703-872-9318. Applicants received an AUTO-REPLY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION indicating that the 7 pages had been received. However, a check on the PAIR system today did not indicate that the petition had been received by the USPTO.

Additionally, a Notice of Appeal and Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 mailed on the same day—and to which a return postcard was stamped by the USPTO on April 24—does not show up on the PAIR system either.

Applicants request that Examiner determine the status of these papers and telephone David Denker at 972-917-4388 so that he may take any further action needed. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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